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Coveted Symbol Awarded After Brief Stay in Discharge Camp

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For All Except Men Who Enlisted Here Evidence of Having Job Is Necessary

Two months ago a man dressed in the uniform of the United States Army and wearing a red chevron on his left sleeve, denoting he had received his discharge in Franca, was a novelty. Took of the first of the control of

charged here instead of returning to the tied States. Secules a number of men who had in-ided joining one or another of the re-lorganizations went astray and fell back the lands of the Army authorities mus their bunkrolls, it is now compul-y that all men applying for discharge, less they joined in France, have con-nets with their organization before they in receive their discharge papers.

All Trains Are Met

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Men attached to the classification and
discharge cames neet all trains at St.
Algana and escort the incoming soldiers
to one of the two. Soldiers returning to
the United States are sent to the classifipartion camp, while those being discharged
in France now go direct to the discharge
camp, located a kilometer from the main
camp, and between the station and St.
Algana. Up to last week all men were
sent to the classification camp where they
were deloused and their clothing sterilized.
Now, however, they are taken to the discharge camp direct.

All records must complete before men
there discharged in they come. Few
service records are complete before men
classification camp with the conditions
considered by the men themselves. Several
men who have veterans of several weeks
at the discharge camp are still there because their records went astray or are
incomplete.

The time necessary for securing a dis-

neomplete. The time necessary for securing a dis-tharge varies. A few weeks ago it re-puired two or three days at the most. Last Friday approximately 100 men were dis-harged who had been at St. Alignan for seriods varying from four days to 14. those held up the longest had been wait-ning action by the paymaster who would not pay railroad mileage until receipt of proper authority, which arrived Friday.

Beaucoup Francs Paid Men

Men discharged in France receive 5 cents a mile railroad fare from St. Alguan to Brest and from Hoboken to the place where they are the states and the miles of the Linted States. In the continuous many coording to state from the place where they can be supported by the state of the state of

Last Pays Spent Loaling

For the majority of the men awalting discharge the last few days in the Army are spent loading. From the men occupantie three discharged was readed at the spent loading. From the men occupanties are seen as the spent load of the spent load of the spent load of the spent load of the spent loading the spent load of the spent load

Queer Antics Follow

Portunately there is no nut specialist tationed at the discharke camp or it is kicky be would have the discharged men letained even though they have their hondardle discharges in their hands. As the men step from the office, many go through mome queer anties. One will be down on its Rnees, his discharge spread out on he ground, the better to kiss it. Another will hur the treasured paper to his heart and dash through the crowd, straight for he gate and the freedom of the world.

4TH GOLD CHEVRON IS NOW AMONGST US

And Only Four in A.E.F. Dare to Break It Out Yet-a-While

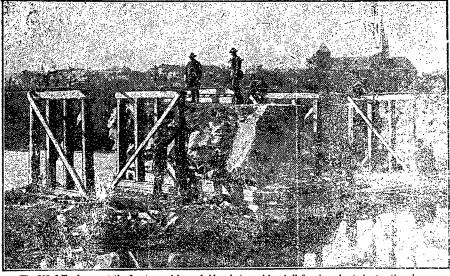
It has appeared among us—that fourth service stripe. There are thousands of ones and twos and threes, but that foruth one sticks out like a bearen in a fog, and sets everyone to wondering if the wearer didn't make a mistake and tack it on the wrong arm.

There are just for men, as far as is known, now in France who have gained the right to stock that extra good and the right to stock that extra good and tonumission, is one. The coloned was military attached in Switzerland when the United States declared that a state of war existed between it and Germany. Being overseas when the war began, and coming thus within the pale of the regulation prescribing the right to wear the gold stripe, his six-month period began to run coincidentally with our participation, in the conflict.

Others who were overseas at the same time were Brig, Gen, Frank Parker, now with the 1st Division, at that time an observer over here; and Col. Sanford Wadhams, U.S.M.C., A.E.F., another American soldier who was in France in April 1917.

Incidentally, four-stripes will begin to

ENGINEERS CLEARING PATH FOR DOUGHBOYS



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ors land and have seen them go, primed for the fight, to that Western front which for them existed only in imagination. They have watched these fighters return, carrying war's honorable decorations, while they go on ond on in their "drab" routine, carrying war's honorable decorations, while they go on ond on in their "drab" routine, carrying only, the happy knowledge that the work they are doing is indispensable that fighters may come and go.

The net result of the budding of docks and trackage in railway yards and storage depots for the Transportation Corps; the creetion of etities of storage for the Quartermaster Corps; the installation of wharfage and storage where the Ordanace Corps has received and housed the weapons of defense and offense; the creetion of hundreds of miles of troop barracks; the provision of hospitals for the Medical Corps; the furnishing of water supply for all branches of the service; the building of storage the assure the combatant forces of their daily beef and bread and the means of their daily beef and bread and the means of their transportation in the zone of the armies; langars and barracks for the Air Service; reception parks for the Motor Transport Corps, and the production of lumber in swifflicient quantities to insure the rapid building of all this construction. Even much of the cement that went into construction for the A.E.F. was made in the S.O.S. by Engineers working in temperarily leased French plants.

Docks, Wharves and Always Barracks In docks, absolutely new installations included a 4,100-foot dock at Bassens, near Bordeaux; three berths totalling 1,250 feet at Montoir, near St. Nazaire; 900 feet at Brest; a 750-foot lighterage wharf on the Dordogne river, near Hordeaux, and new trackage and other facilities at more than a score of French ports.

If all the troop barracks erected by the Engineers up to time of the signing of the armistice were placed and to end they would stretch 225 miles.

Space was provided in hospitals for 280,000 heds of which 141,000 beds represented new construction. This new construction meant 7,700 standard hospital barracks, 20 feet of the standard feet of depots, the largest of these depots being at Givres, Montoir and St. Subjecc, All covered storage agargated 500 acres, providing space for a 90-day supply for 2,000,000 men.

Members of the second A.E.F., that Animal Expeditionary Ferce, were taken care of in remount depots and veterinary hospitals exceed by the Engineers. By November 11, 1218, remount space had been provided for an additional 17,250 animals, and veterinary hospitals exceed by the Engineers. By November 11, 1218, remount space had been provided for an additional 17,250 animals, and veterinary hospitals exceed by the Engineers and pumping plants, were made at St. Nazaire and Brest, In the Bordeaux Docks, Wharves and Always Barracks

From March to December, 1918, the total tomage of Engineer supplies received from the United States was 1,509,600, and the total tomage received from all sources, 3,250,600. Total covered space occupied by Engineer supplies totaled 764,900 square feet, and the total open storage space was 14,352,600 square feet. Seven eement mills were operated by Engineer troops, producing 55,000 tons or 315,000 barels of cement during five months of operation. Concrete pipe amounting to more than 100 miles was made for A.E.F. use.

Where Foresters Shone

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Some 200 members of the A.E.F., offipaper men or professional writers before abandoned the typewriter for the

poper men or professional writers before they abandoned the typewriter for the messkit, are now completing a tour of the S.O.S. and will within a few days debouch on the American Army's briagest buttlefields preparatory to following the Third Army's trail up to Coblenz and beyond. And by their green arm bands ye shall know them.

The 200 are the second of three installments of newspaper men in the service who are gaining fifther than the service who had charge of keeping things moving.

The first group completed its trip a week ago, after 15 days on the road, visiting among other places, Brest, St. Nazaire, Bondeaux, Chaumont, the Château-Thierry, St. Mihlel and Meuse-Argonne battlefields, and Coblenz, concluding with a boat trip down the Rhine to Cologne and thence returning to disband at Paris, Members of the first group wore white arm bands. Those making the third tro. However, the service would be serviced to the service would be supported wounded Yanks on route to base inospitals and messing in two improvised dining cars. The battlefields are covered by ambulance, the party meeting the train in night in time for dinner and leaving it next morning.

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